

SPECIAL BULLETIN

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To: All Training Officers of the Agency

OTR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE READING COURSES AT HEADQUARTERS

1. The following Russian language reading courses have been scheduled by OTR, to be presented in the Headquarters Building. Classes are scheduled during the day and are held in Room 1D-1609. A minimum of three students is required to convene a class.

- a. Russian Familiarization #752 (24 hours total)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 28 April 1972
Frequency: 2 hours per week
Students learn to transliterate from Russian to English according to the Board of Geographic Names system. They also learn a small amount of vocabulary and grammar.
- b. Russian Grammar #753 (200 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 1 December 1972
Frequency: 1 hour daily, Monday through Friday
This course presents the fundamentals of Russian grammar along with a limited general vocabulary. The objective is to give the student the grammatical tools which, with the aid of a dictionary, will enable him to read and understand Russian at the elementary level.
- c. Russian Reading Level I #754 (200 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 1 December 1972
Frequency: 1 hour daily, Monday through Friday
This course represents a continuation of the Russian Grammar course, which is considered a prerequisite to enrollment. However, equivalent knowledge of Russian gained by other means usually will suffice for admission. Readings include history and literature.
- d. Economic and Political Reading (Russian Reading Level II) #755 (100 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 22 June 1972 (second semester)*
Frequency: 1 hour daily, Monday through Friday

Excluded from automatic
downgrading and declassification
review.

The Russian Grammar course and Russian Reading Level I or their equivalents are prerequisites to enrollment. Readings consist of articles from current Soviet economic and political journals and newspapers.

- e. Advanced Economic and Political Reading #756 (60 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 22 June 1972 (second semester)*
Frequency: 1 hour, three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
Candidates for this course should have completed the equivalent of the above-described Russian Grammar course and Russian Reading Level I and II. The course consists of reading and analyzing Russian texts from Soviet economic and political journals and newspapers in order to build vocabulary and review grammar.
- f. Reading in Geography of the USSR #757 (40 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 22 June 1972 (second semester)*
Frequency: 1 hour twice a week (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Russian Grammar #753 or its equivalent is a prerequisite to enrollment. The course presents readings in the economic and physical geography of the USSR, including the texts "Economic Geography of the USSR" by Iyalikov and "Physical Geography of the USSR" by Davidova.
- g. Readings in Science and Technology #758 (200 hours)
Duration: 7 February 1972 - 1 December 1972
Frequency: 1 hour daily, Monday through Friday
Russian Grammar #753 or its equivalent is a prerequisite to enrollment. The course presents readings from Soviet scientific and technical journals, with the students for the most part selecting articles which are in their own field of scientific interest.

* First semester started 7 September 1971. Students may join the class at the beginning of the second semester if they are at the level of the class.

2. It has been estimated that two hours of outside study will be required for each hour of class participation in the courses described above. Only those individuals who are able to maintain excellent attendance should apply. Students who have previous knowledge of Russian reading may enter at an advanced level.

3. Employees wishing to enroll should submit Form 73, Request for Internal Training, through the appropriate Training Officer to OTR/ISS/AIR, Room 1036, Chamber of Commerce Building, by 28 January 1972.

4. Further information may be obtained from the Chief, Slavic Languages Department, OTR Language School, extension 3271.